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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Saturday, 12th March 1955.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at half-past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Written test for interview for Group I Services.

* 1281 *Q.*—SRI R. S. ARUMUGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a representation from the members of Backward class and Harijan communities on 3rd January 1955 regarding the restoration of 30 per cent minimum marks required in the written test for interview for Group I Service by the Madras Public Service Commission;

(*b*) whether the Government have passed any orders on the same; and

(*c*) if so, whether the Service Commission has carried out these orders for the present recruitment?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The matter is under consideration.

" (*c*) Does not arise."

SRI R. S. ARUMUGAM:—" சமீபத்தில் டெபுடி கலெக்டர் தேர்வுக்கான 'இன்டர்வ்யூ' நடந்தபோது, 'ரிட்டன் டெஸ்ட்' இல் 30 per cent மார்க் வாங்கியவர்களும் அனுமதிக்கப்பட்டார்களா ? இல்லாவிட்டால் 30 per cent 'ரிட்டன் டெஸ்டில்' வாங்கியுள்ள பாக்கி பேர்களுக்கு இன்டர்வ்யூ பரீக்ஷை வைப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் உடனடியாக ஏற்பாடுகள் செய்வார்களா ?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" இந்த விஷயம் சர்க்காரின் பரிசீலனையில் இருக்கிறது. ஆனால் ஒரு முடிவு ஏற்பட்ட பிற்பாடுதான் இந்த விஷயத்தைப்பற்றி பதில் சொல்லமுடியும்."

Government Headquarters Hospital, Kozhikode.

* 1282 *Q.*—DR. K. B. MENON: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the construction of the new building for the Kozhikode Headquarters Hospital was begun;

(*b*) when it was completed and occupied;

(*c*) when the Government propose to start the work on the two blocks scheduled to be completed in 1953;

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(*d*) why the new building for out-patients has not yet been occupied; and

(*e*) when it will be occupied?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) April 1948.

" (*b*) October 1951.

" (*c*) The construction of additional blocks of buildings has been deferred.

" (*d*) & (*e*) The building is likely to be ready for occupation shortly and it will be occupied then."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" May I know what are the blocks of buildings whose construction has been deferred and whether the Government will try to take it up during this Budget year?"

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" To a number of questions put last year, the Hon. Minister promised that these additional blocks will be completed soon. Now, the Hon. Minister says that it has been deferred. May I know from the Hon. Minister why it was deferred?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" For financial reasons."

* 1283 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state why the out-patient department in the Government Headquarters Hospital, Kozhikode, has not yet begun to function in the new blocks recently constructed?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The building is likely to be ready for occupation shortly. As soon as the building is taken over, the out-patient department of the hospital will function there."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" In view of the fact that a large number of patients are waiting for admission for want of accommodation, and in view of the fact that the construction of the additional building has already been completed, may I know why the Government have not yet taken over the building for use?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The construction of the out-patient's ward has been completed. Electrical installations and other fittings required have to be still provided."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" May I know how much overcrowding there is at present in the Kozhikode hospital? May I also know, if the Hon. Minister has got figures with him, the number of out-patients that attend the hospital?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" As I said before, there is an excess number of patients. We have under consideration the provision of 30 additional beds and also the necessary additional staff for the Women and Children's Hospital."